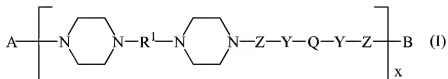


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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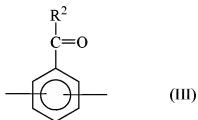
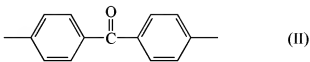
1. (Original) Compounds of formula (I):



in which:

A and B are terminal groups;

R¹ represents a group of formula (II) or (III) :



R² represents a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, an aryl group or a substituted aryl group having one or more C₁ - C₆ alkyl, C₁ - C₆ alkoxy or phenyl substituents;

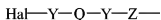
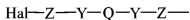
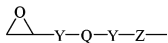
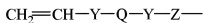
Z represents a group of formula -(CHR³)_n-, where R³ represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group or a C₁ - C₄ alkyl group, and n is a number from 0 to 6;

Y represents a carbonyl group or a group of formula $-\text{CH}_2-$;

Q represents a residue of a dihydroxy compound; and

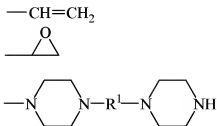
x is a number from 1 to 100.

2. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 1, in which A represents a hydrogen atom, or a group of formula:



where Y, Q and Z are as defined in Claim 1 and Hal represents a halogen atom.

3. (Previously Presented) Compounds according to Claim 1, in which B represents a halogen atom or a group of formula :



in which R^1 is as defined in Claim 1 and Hal represents a halogen atom.

4. (Withdrawn) Compounds according to Claim 2, in which Hal represents a chlorine or bromine atom.

5. (Previously Presented) Compounds according to Claim 1, in which Z represents a group of formula -CHR₃-.

6. (Previously Presented) Compounds according to Claim 1, in which R³ represents a hydrogen atom, a methyl group or an ethyl group.

7. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 6, in which R³ represents a hydrogen atom.

8. (Previously Presented) Compounds according to Claim 1, in which Z represents a group of formula -(CHR³)_n-, n is a number from 2 to 6 and one of R³ represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl group, and the other or others of R³ represent hydrogen atoms.

9. (Previously Presented) Compounds according to Claim 1, wherein Q represents a group of formula -D-Q'-D-, where:

D represents a group of formula -[O(CHR⁴CHR⁵)_a]_y-, -[O(CH₂)_bCO]_y- or -[O(CH₂)_bCO]_(y-1)-[O(CHR⁴CHR⁵)_a]-; where:

R⁴ and R⁵ independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁ - C₄ alkyl group;

a is a number from 1 to 2 ;

b is a number from 4 to 5;

y is a number from 1 to 10; and

Q' represents a residue of dihydroxy compound.

10. (Withdrawn) Compounds according to Claim 9, in which y is a number from 3 to 10.

11. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 10, in which D represents a group of formula -[O(CHR⁴CHR⁵)_a]_y-, where a is an integer from 1 to 2, and y is a number from 1 to 10.

12. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 10, in which D represents a group of formula $-\text{[OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{]}_y-$, $-\text{[OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{]}_y-$ or $-\text{[OCH(CH}_3\text{)CH}_2\text{]}_y-$, where y is a number from 1 to 10.

13. (Withdrawn) Compounds according to Claim 10, in which D represents a group of formula $-\text{[O(CH}_2\text{)}_b\text{CO]}_y-$, where b is a number from 4 to 5 and y is a number from 1 to 10.

14. (Withdrawn) Compounds according to Claim 10, in which D represents a group of formula $-\text{[O(CH}_2\text{)}_b\text{CO]}_{(y-1)}-\text{[O(CHR}^4\text{CHR}^5\text{)}_a]-$, where a is a number from 1 to 2, b is a number from 4 to 5 and y is a number from 1 to 10.

15. (Previously Presented) Compounds according to Claim 9, in which a is 2 and y is a number from 1 to 10.

16. (Previously Presented) Compounds according to Claim 9, in which y is a number from 1 to 6.

17. (Previously Presented) Compounds according to Claim 9, in which Q' is a residue of a poly C₂-C₆ alkylene glycol.

18. (Previously Presented) Compounds according to Claim 9, in which Q' is a residue of ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, glycerol, 2,2-propanediol, polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol or polybutylene glycol.

19. (Previously Presented) Compounds according to Claim 1, in which Q is a residue of a poly C₂-C₆ alkylene glycol.

20. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 19, in which Q is a residue of ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, glycerol, 2,2-propanediol, polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol or polybutylene glycol.

21. (Previously Presented) Compounds according to Claim 1, in which x is a number from 1 to 50.

22. (Original) The compound of formula (I) used as a photoinitiation sensitizer.
23. (Original) An energy-curable composition comprising: (a) a polymerisable monomer, prepolymer or oligomer; (b) a photoinitiator; and (c) the sensitizer of Claim 22.
24. (Original) A process for preparing a cured polymeric composition by exposing a composition according to Claim 23 to actinic radiation.
25. (Original) A process according to Claim 24, in which the actinic radiation is ultraviolet radiation.